

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
USSN 10/607,205
Attorney Docket Q76357
November 30, 2005

REMARKS

Claims 55, 63-70, 72-74, 76, 77, 79-83, 86, 87, 93-95 and 98 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 56, 58, 60, 64, 69-74 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 54, 56-62, 71, 75, 78, 84, 85, 88-92, 96 and 97 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Crippa (6,694,794). Claims 55, 63-70, 72-74, 76, 77, 79, 80, 83, 86, 87, 93-95 and 98 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 81 and 82 were allowed.

Claims 54, 56-62, 71, 75, 78, 84-85, 88-92, 96 and 97 have been canceled without prejudice in order to advance the prosecution of the present application. Claims 55, 63-65, 70, 72, 73, 76 79, 80, 83, 86, 87, 93, 95 and 98 have been amended to overcome the noted indefiniteness. Since only allowable claims remain in the application it is respectfully requested that this application be passed to issue forthwith.

If for any reason the Examiner is unable to allow the application on the next Office Action and feels that an interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issue, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the purpose of arranging such an interview.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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